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1. Applicants amendment in Paper No. 10 (12/26/96) is acknowledged.
2. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 14 and 16 are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Prema Mertz whose telephone number is (703) 308-4229. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM (Eastern time).

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